House Resolution No. 2256

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding young Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself as a leader of her peers; and

Whereas, Melissa Pennington of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, is to be commended for finishing in the Top Ten percent of the 2003 graduating senior class at Poplar Bluff High School; and

Whereas, throughout her stellar high school career, Melissa Pennington has excelled at her studies while participating in such extracurricular activities as the Literary Club, Yield, Drama Club, Spanish Club, TREND, and the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America; and

Whereas, listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, Melissa Pennington is an All-American Scholar who has been named to the National Honor Roll and received an Academic Letter for four years, Spanish Award, Perfect Attendance Award, and the Miss Teen Missouri Interview Award; and

Whereas, a talented pianist, Melissa Pennington is an active member of her church where she has glorified the Lord through participation in the Youth Group, and Convoy of Hope, and the Gospel Rescue Mission; and

Whereas, Melissa Pennington has achieved all of this and more with the love and encouragement of her proud parents, Douglas and Mary Pennington of Poplar Bluff; and

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Melissa Pennington, a remarkable young woman and exceptional student who will certainly excel in whatever career path she chooses to follow:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Melissa Pennington at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Melissa Pennington, as a mark of our tremendous esteem for her.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2256, adopted April 29, 2003.